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Tasneem of JD(S) is Mayor

C. Sridhar of Congress Deputy Mayor

Mysuru, Jan.18 (RKB&DM)- The city got its youngest Mayor when 31-year-old Tasneem of JD(S) was elected as the city's First Citizen (Mayor) in the Mayoral election held at the MCC's Council Hall this morning. Tasneem is the thirty-third elected Mayor.

Tasneem represents Ward 22 (Meena Bazar) in the 65-member civic body. With her election, Tasneem also earns the distinction of becoming the first-ever Muslim woman Mayor of Mysuru. The Mayor's post for the second term of the current tenure of the MCC was reserved for BCA (Backward Class) woman candidate.

C. Sridhar of Congress was elected as Deputy Mayor as that post was reserved for SC candidate. He represents Ward 38 (Giriyabovipalya). Both Tasneem and her deputy Sridhar bagged 47 votes, trouncing their respective BJP rivals Geethashree Yoganand and Shanthamma Vadivelu, who could manage only 23 votes each.

The election process began with the filing of nomination papers at 7.30 am when Tasneem of the JD(S) and Geethashree Yoganand of the BJP filed their nominations. After the deadline ended at 9.30 am, the candidates were given five minutes for withdrawal of nominations. But as no nomination papers were withdrawn, the poll was held in which Tasneem bagged 47 votes out of 70, while her BJP rival managed just 23 votes.

The MCC has 73 voters, including 64 Corporators, four MLCs, four MLAs and the MP representing Mysuru. With the disqualification of Ward 18 BJP Corporator Guru Vinayak over fake caste certificate, the strength of the 65-member civic body has come down to 64. The by-poll to Ward 18 will take place on Feb. 9.

All the 64 Corporators, two MLAs — G.T. Devegowda and L. Nagendra — and all the four MLCs namely Sandesh Nagaraj, Marithibbegowda, K.T. Srikantegowda and R. Dharmasena took part in the poll process while BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas, Congress MLA Tanveer Sait and BJP MP Pratap Simha were conspicuous by their absence.

The process for electing the Deputy Mayor was similar to that of the Mayor's election and C. Sridhar of the Congress was declared elected, defeating his rival Shanthamma Vadivelu of the BJP who secured just 23 votes which included that of 21 party Corporators, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and M.V. Ramprasad, an independent Corporator. The BJP has 21 Corporators while the Congress has 19, JD(S) has 18, BSP 1 and there are 5 independents.

The newly-elected Mayor Tasneem is a two-time Corporator. She is a BA graduate from the city's Maharani's College and is married to Syed Samiulla, a businessman. The couple has a son and a daughter.

Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar is a resident of Kailaspuram. He is a BA graduate. His wife Anju is a home-maker and the couple has a son. Sridhar had defeated former Mayor Purushotham in the 2018 MCC polls.

Regional Commissioner Yashwanth, Additional Regional Commissioner Gayathri, outgoing Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and her Deputy Shafi Ahmed and other officials were present.

The newly-elected Mayor Tasneem (right) and Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar at MCC this morning.

State Govt. to reclaim unused industrial land and sites

Plans to create Land Bank for future investments

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK & BCT)- In the backdrop of investment proposals worth billions of rupees getting delayed over issues including availability of land and in a bid to mop up land resources, the State Government is planning to reclaim unused industrial land and sites from investors and industrialists.

The State Government's move is as part of its efforts to create a large land bank for future investments. The Industries Department plans to insert a clause in this direction in its new industrial policy which will be announced very soon, said Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar in Bengaluru yesterday.

Land for fresh projects: The Government will reclaim industrial plots lying unused even after years of allotment to private companies. A large number of allottees fail to set up their industrial units, while holding possession of land, which is now a scarce commodity in the wake of rapid urbanisation. The forfeited land would now be allotted afresh to projects, Government sources said.

Shettar said the Government was currently undertaking a survey of unused land across the State. The Government has also identified 30,000 acres of land to build a land bank and already issued final notification for acquisition of 12,000 acres across the State.

(See INDUSTRIAL LAND on page 11)

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Longing for *lively* living

The ideal wish that everyone in the world be comfortably placed in life and thus be *happy* in the widest meaning of the term is precisely expressed in the verse that some scholars source it to *Rigveda* as invocation of *Kathopanishad* while the only written attribution or textual source of the verse *Lokah samastah sukhino bhavanthu* is accepted to be part of the stone inscriptions dating back to 14th century. Global well-being, the prayer that was part of rituals performed for common good such as a blessing for rains or a social cause, as the country's ancient pundits prescribed, protection by the powerful and mighty leaders with law and justice. In the current scenario that the incumbent Government at the Centre and the land's agitating sections have jointly created, good governance within the framework of its laws and nuances of safeguarding justice has just gone out of hands, even as the above mentioned verse's message amounts to asking for the moon as it were. Excluding the sections of the population burdened by different physical handicaps from birth, the able-bodied sections owe it to themselves to work with discipline and dedication pursuing appropriate livelihood, the sheet anchor of *lively* living.

Many measures introduced by the Governments, particularly punitive action for not complying with some laws, are being seen as draconian by many commentators expressing their views through writings in dailies. The other charge levelled against the present Government's top brass is that they are not lending their ears to wailings by citizens.

The equation between the resources needed for ensuring happiness of all in the country, up to the last citizen and their actual production in both quantity and quality being what it is, reflects the *inequality* in population. The prescription by one of the country's successful entrepreneurs in the corporate sector that the country needs to focus on *creating* jobs that provide reasonable (adequate) income to address the issue of inequality among the masses is well taken, although the measure prima facie sounds naive. The other action, suggested by the same corporate honcho, to shift the workforce engaged on agriculture to low-tech manufacturing where income levels are comparatively better has its merits with the rider that the action doesn't lead to exodus of people to urban spaces, as it is happening currently.

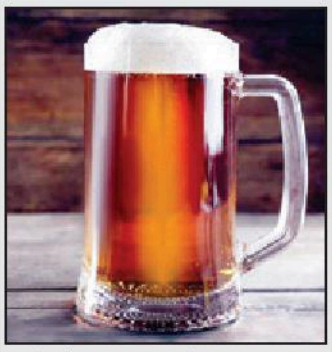
Longing for lively living and enabling people to fulfil that desire, meeting the norms of *ease* of living, a privilege within the grasp of most urbanities at large, in all fairness should benefit the poor on priority, particularly in rural areas. The well-marked tribe taking residence in cities with glitz and glamour, commanding tainted wealth are living examples of *ease* of living synonymous with *lethargy* are role models for the youth, which is a sham.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MAGICAL NIMBU: ***In your kitchen there is a miracle cure-all going unnoticed: it is the everyday lime, or nimbu. If, like me you suffer from acidity after meals you should try the nimbu cure. For years, after eating, I had to pop antacids to ease heartburn and acid reflex. Then Bunny said that I should try drinking a glass of unsweetened, unsalted lime juice every morning, on an empty stomach, as she does. Drink lime juice, which is sour and acidic, to prevent acidity? So I did. And it worked like a charm. My chronic acidity and heartburn disappeared as though they'd never existed. The secret of nimbu cure is based on simple chemistry. The ascorbic acid gives the nimbu its sourness. But when ascorbic acid is taken into the system it becomes an alkaline, which counters acidity. And there's more to the nimbu, and to its ascorbic acid, than battling acidity. Ascorbic acid is a form of vitamin C, which is very effective in staving off colds and coughs. Our domestic help, Kavi, was susceptible to getting a sore throat and fits of coughing every time the weather changed, and we'd send him off to the local doctor. Then Bunny put Kavi on the nimbu cure and the sore throats and coughing went away.*** — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman laces husband's beer with laxatives



Sinaloa: A Mexican woman, tired of her husband's drinking habit decided to make him think he had become allergic to booze by lacing his beers with natural laxatives like castor oil and plum extract.

N. Michel, a young woman from Sinaloa, devised a plan to make her husband, José Brayan, quit drinking. She managed to get a hold on a mixture of castor oil and plum extract and started putting a few drops of it into his beer bottles.

As the natural laxatives started working their magic on José 's bowels, his wife tried to convince him that the diarrhea was a sign of allergy, most likely to alcohol. But the man didn't let himself be scared into quitting his beer habit, instead popping a stomach pill and continuing to drink as usual. He even jokingly told Michel that the bathroom was a short distance away, so there was no problem.

Man tries to sell childhood painting for $2.3 million

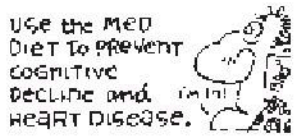
Moscow: A man from Moscow in Russia, made national news headlines recently for putting a drawing he made when he was only six-years-old on sale online for no less than 140 million rubles ($2.3 million).

41-year-old journalist Vladimir Mkrtchyan placed the ad for his old childhood drawing on Russian classifieds site and it went viral due to its exorbitant price. 140 million rubles seems kind of steep for a childish drawing, but the seller considers it's worth twice that much, because it reflects the realities of the Soviet era through the innocent eyes of a six-year-old boy.

Titled "Red Army Man on Horse", the expensive artwork was rediscovered by Vladimir Mkrtchyan while he was sorting through his old things. The idea to sell it came to him after realizing what a true treasure his childhood drawing really was.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the Mediterranean diet?



The Mediterranean diet has been highly praised by diet experts. It involves eating vegetables, fruits, herbs, whole grains, olive oil, fish, poultry, nuts and legumes. Red meat, refined grains and packaged foods are avoided. One downside to the med diet is that it tends to be more costly than other diets.

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Infant Jesus Cathedral Feast to conclude tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The nine-day Annual Feast of Infant Jesus Cathedral on Hunsur Road will conclude tomorrow (Jan.19). Fr. Jomon Kolenchery, Chancellor, Diocese of Mandya, will celebrate the Holy Mass and Novena at 6.30 pm today (Jan. 18) followed by the Eucharistic Procession.

On Jan. 19, the Most Solemn Feast Day, there will be Holy Mass at 7 am. Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, Bishop of Mandya, will be the Main Celebrant for the Solemn High Mass in Malayalam at 10.30 am. Around 4,000 devotees are expected to take part in the *Annasantharpane* at 12.30 pm.

Rt. Rev. Dr. K. A. William, Bishop of Mysuru, will celebrate the Solemn High Mass in Kannada at 4.30 pm followed by the grand candle light procession in honour of Infant Jesus in colourful chariot along with bandsets and shinkarimela to Ring Road Junction, Hinkal. Shinkarmela performance and fireworks display will be held at 7.30 pm. Vadakara Kazhcha Communications will stage the Malayalam drama *"Dooram Arike"* at 8 pm.

Special arrangements have been made for the Crown offering to Infant Jesus during the Feast days, according to Fr. Thomas Mangalathil, Parish Priest and John G. Kunnel, General Convener. For details contact Jaison Androos, Convener-Publicity on Mob: 98450-55462.

Enroll for computer courses

Mysuru, Jan.18 (PM&DM)- The city's Kannada Vikasa Academic, Social and Cultural Organisation will be conducting computer courses for students and the public at Nrupathunga Kannada School in Ramakrishnanagar from Jan.20.

Addressing a press meet here on Thursday, School Secretary S.R. Sudarshan said that the computer courses will be launched at 11.30 am on Jan.20. Pointing out that the courses are run in association with the Public Sector Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), he said that the Computer Lab at the school has 40 computers and students and members of the public can enroll for the courses. For more details, call Mob:77952-06240.

Really...?

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VOICE OF THE READER

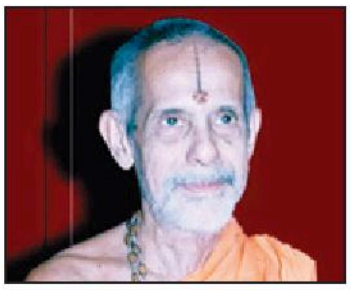
Fond memories of Pejawar Swamiji

Sir,

This refers to K. Vijaya Kumar's befitting tribute to the great memory of late Pejawar Swamiji and going back to his first Paryaya 68 years ago *(Star of Mysore* dated Jan.5).

As a Udupi born person, I also have very fond memories of the Swamiji. I remember attending his first Paryaya ceremony in 1952 and as a Boy Scout, I was inside the small hall (called then Madhwa Sabhangala) just beyond the Krishna temple inside the premises.

In the fifties and sixties, my father who was a Meteorological Officer in the Indian Air Force in Delhi used to write regularly scientific articles in the local magazine published by one of the Mutts. Both Pejawar Swamiji and his mentor, the Swamiji of Admar Mutt were his admirers and whenever he came on leave, one of them would ask him to give scientific speech at the Madhwa Hall. Later when



Pejawar Swamiji delivered lectures on *Gita* and wrote a book on the same subject, he asked my father to translate the same into English. Unfortunately, my father died when he had translated about 6 chapters. Later it was translated by someone else but the Swamiji saw to it that both got credit as co-writers. This was in the seventies.

During the last few years, when the Seer was in Mysuru, I had gone to see him at a function. When I did *namaskara* to him and told him that I was the nephew of my more pious uncle in Udupi whom I was sure the Swamiji would remember, he cut me short and asked me whether I was so and so's (my father's name!) son. When I replied in the affirmative, he said he had known my father very well for many years and he had translated his book on *Gita!* His memory was truly great. He was a very learned man on religious matters as well the recent worldly matters.

—U.B. Acharya

Mysuru 10.1.2020

'Bhava Pushpanjali' to Pejawar

Seer at Ganapathy Ashram tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (PM&US)- Several organisations have come together to hold a homage programme *'Pejawar Sri Bhava Pushpanjali'* to late Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji on Jan. 19 at 4 pm at Nada Mantapa of Sri Ganapathy Ashram on Ooty Road here.

Disclosing this at a press meet recently, MLA S.A. Ramdas said that Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashram's Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji, Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Mysuru Head Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji and Chitradurga's Sharana Madara Gurupeetha Seer Sri Madara Chennaiah will grace the occasion.

Recalling that Pejawar Seer loved Mysuru very much and had conducted his last *Chaturmasya* here recently, Ramdas said welfare of society was the main focus of Pejawar Seer.

Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Secretary R. Vasudeva Bhat, who also spoke, said that other than Udupi and Bengaluru, Mysuru was Pejawar Seer's favourite city and he has a large number devotees here.

He said Pejawar Seer had laid foundation stone for construction of a Ram Mandir at Udayagiri in city at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.5 crore and the works will be completed by April this year. The late Seer has also founded a number of institutions in Mysuru including Vijaya Vittala 34 years ago and *Sri Krishnadhama* 25 years ago as well as an old-age home in JP Nagar, Raghavendra Mutt and a hostel for Backward Classes students.

'Bhava Pushpanjali' will begin with devotional music by Raghuleela Sangeetha Shala. A portrait and a small booklet on life and works of the late Seer will be distributed to all participants, he said.

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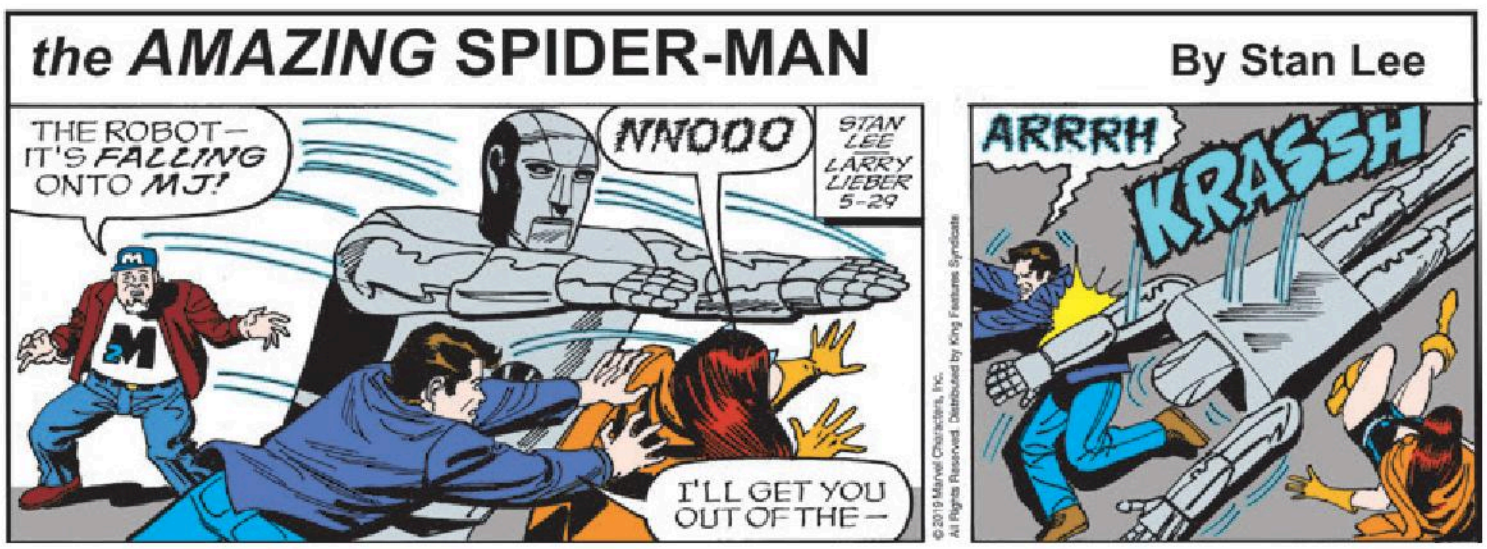
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NEWS BRIEFS

Devotional songs contest

As part of Purandaradasa Aradhane, the city's Satyadhyana Bhajana Mandali has organised Purandaradasa devotional songs contest for children at Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt in Jayalakshmipuram at 3 pm tomorrow (Jan.19). The contest will be held under three categories: Sub-Junior (5 to 8 years), Junior (9 to 12 years) and Senior (13 to 16 years). Interested children may register at the Mutt or call Ph: 0821-2511355 or Mob: 97408-88224.

Free breast and cervical cancer screening camp

The Mysuru branch of Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), in association with Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Mysuru, will be conducting a free breast and cervical cancer screening camp at FPAI premises, N.R. Mohalla at 10 am on Jan.20. For registration and details, call Mob: 98459-19988 or 99162-80590.

Bahuroopi: Booking open for stalls

City's theatre repertory Rangayana will be holding 'Bahuroopi' National Theatre Festival from Feb.14 to 19. Rangayana has invited applications from Kannada book publishers, bookstall owners and craftsmen (artisans) for setting up stalls in Rangayana premises during the six-day theatre festival, which will be attended by thousands of theatre enthusiasts and members of public from across the country. Application forms are available at Rangayana office from Jan.20 on payment of Rs.100. Last date to submit filled in forms is Feb.1. For details, call Ph: 0821-2512639.

Contest for special children on Jan.30

Karunamayee, a special children training school at Nivedithanagar, has organised dance contest for special children under the title 'Naavu Vishesha' on Jan.30 at Jaganmohan Palace. Interested special schools should register names before Jan. 19. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2547944 or Mob: 94800-24141.

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Outflow	00 cusecs

Nirbhaya killers to hang at 6 am on Feb. 1

New Delhi, Jan.18 (UNI)- A Delhi Court yesterday issued fresh death warrants against the four convicts in the Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case. The convicts — Mukesh Kumar Singh (32), Pawan Gupta (25), Vinay Sharma (26) and Akshay Thakur (31) — will now be hanged on Feb. 1 (Saturday) at 6 am.

Additional Sessions Judge Satish Kumar Arora was hearing a plea by one of the four death row convicts in the case, Mukesh Kumar Singh, seeking postponement of the date of his execution scheduled for January 22. He asked the jail authorities to submit a report under Section 840 of the Delhi Prison Rules stating the action taken regarding the mercy petition of Mukesh and regarding the postponement of the date of execution.

Earlier in the day, the Tihar Jail authorities sought issuance of fresh death warrants against the four convicts. Public Prosecutor Irfan Ahmed told the Court that Mukesh's mercy plea was rejected by President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday and that the same was communicated to the convict. Earlier, the Delhi High Court had refused to interfere with the death warrant issued against the four convicts.

Mukesh Singh *Pawan Gupta* *Vinay Sharma* *Akshay Thakur*

Mukesh had moved the Patiala House Court, informing the Court regarding the pendency of the mercy petition before the President and seeking postponement of the execution date. Judge Arora had issued notice to Nirbhaya's parents and the State.

Last evening, Nirbhaya's mother Asha Devi expressed displeasure with the delay in the hanging and said the convicts were getting what they wanted. She has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi "with folded hands" to hang them on January 22 and broke down in an interview as she tore into political parties for using Nirbhaya's death for their own gain.

The 23-year-old paramedic student, referred to as Nirbhaya, was gang raped and brutally assaulted on the intervening night of December 16-17, 2012, in a moving bus in Delhi by six persons. She was thrown out on the road. After battling for her life for days, she finally succumbed on December 29, 2012 at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore.

Six accused were arrested in the case. While one of the accused was a minor and appeared before a Juvenile Justice Court, another accused took his life in Tihar Jail.

The remaining four were convicted and sentenced to death by a Trial Court in September 2013 and the verdict was confirmed by the Delhi High Court in March 2014 and upheld in May 2017 by the Supreme Court. The Apex Court also dismissed their review petitions and curative petitions.

'Follow Sonia Gandhi's example, forgive convicts'

Senior advocate Indira Jaising has urged Nirbhaya's mother to pardon the men on death row who were convicted for the 2012 gang rape of her daughter. Indira Jaising took to Twitter to make the request.

Asha Devi

"While I fully identify with the pain of Asha Devi I urge her to follow the example of Sonia Gandhi who forgave Nalini and said she didn't not want the death penalty for her (Nalini). We are with you but against the death penalty," Jaising tweeted.

Nalini was arrested and convicted for her role in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991. Asha Devi was quick to hit out at the senior lawyer for her "follow Sonia Gandhi's example and forgive convicts" statement.

"Who is Indira Jaising to give me such a suggestion? Whole country wants the convicts to be executed. Just because of people like her, justice is not served to rape victims," Asha Devi said.

I-T sleuths conclude raid on Rashmika's house

Actress leaves to Hyderabad for movie promotion; I-T personnel head to Bengaluru with documents

Madikeri, Jan.18- The Income Tax (I-T) raids conducted on the properties and assets owned by actor Rashmika Mandanna and her family at her palatial home near Virajpet in Kodagu concluded last evening with the tax sleuths taking away four boxes of documents to Bengaluru. Rashmika left for Hyderabad where she was shooting a movie. She had to rush to Virajpet following the raids.

Rashmika

Sources said that the raids led to the admission of previously undeclared income of Rs. 3.94 crore by the family. This includes the Rs. 25 lakh unaccounted cash that was found at the house. Rashmika Mandanna was served notice to join the probe.

She has two PAN cards and under one PAN she is a non-filer, while under the other she has filed I-T returns from 2016-17. For 2019-20, she has now allegedly admitted to having an undeclared income of Rs. 5 crore, in addition to her regular income, sources said.

Apart from this, I-T sleuths also found documents of property sale and record books of a community hall (Serenity Hall in Virajpet) owned by Madan Mandanna, her father, that allegedly indicate under-reporting.

Sources said that while Madan Mandanna and Suman Mandanna (Rashmika's mother) were interrogated on Thursday, Rashmika was grilled on her income sources after she arrived at her house from Hyderabad on Friday. She refused to speak to media.

Suman told reporters that the I-T sleuths examined documents inside the house and the Serenity Hall and the family has answered the questions posed by them.

She, however, refused to divulge details about the questions posed by tax sleuths and said, "This is not a serious issue and like every one's house is raided, our house too has been raided. We have extended full cooperation to the I-T sleuths and we will continue to do so. My daughter had to rush to Hyderabad for the promotion of her movie."

K.G. Bopaiah to head Land Grab Panel

Bengaluru, Jan.18- Former Assembly Speaker K.G. Bopaiah will head a Committee of Legislators, including Arakalgud MLA A.T. Ramaswamy, to look into encroachment of Government properties.

K.G. Bopaiah

Legislators Araga Jnanendra, S.R. Vishwanath, Rajashekar Basavaraj Patil and Raju Gowda will be part of the Government Land Protection Committee, which will function on the lines of the A.T. Ramaswamy Committee, to look into cases of encroachment of Government land. Ramaswamy Committee had earlier filed a detailed report on encroachment of Government land and interestingly, no action was taken on its recommendations.

Briefing media persons after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that Committee has been constituted at a time when questions are being asked about the delay in initiating action against landsharks based on Ramaswamy Committee. The Panel, formed during JD(S)-BJP coalition regime in 2006, had submitted its interim report in Feb. 2007 and final report in July 2007.

State budget on Mar.5 to be farmer-focussed: CM

Shikaripura, Jan.18- With the farming community in distress due to floods, drought and other natural causes, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has said that the State budget to be presented on Mar.5 will be farmer-focussed.

Speaking to presspersons at his home Constituency Shikaripura in Shivamogga recently, he said that this was his first budget after coming to power in July last and the seventh overall as CM.

Asserting that his Government would concentrate more on agriculture, he said the budget will have many schemes for SC/ST communities and other sections of society. Pointing out that budgetary preparations are underway, he said that the budget will be finalised by the end of February.

Historian Ramachandra Guha's sagely advice to Congress

- Kerala did a disastrous thing by electing Rahul Gandhi
- Don't make the mistake of Mughal dynasty
- Don't listen to *Chamchas* who tell you that you are still the *Badshah*

Ramachandra Guha addressing the gathering on the second day of the Kerala Literature Festival yesterday. He spoke on the topic 'Patriotism Vs Jingoism.'

> "It would be a mistake to re-elect Rahul in 2024 as Narendra Modi's biggest advantage is that he is not Rahul Gandhi."
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> The rise of aggressive nationalism worldwide and the rise of Islamic fundamentalism in neighbouring countries — Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan (mentioned in CAA) — are some other reasons behind the evident leap of Hindutva in India today."
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> **— Ramachandra Guha**

Kozhikode, Jan. 18 (Agencies)- A "fifth-generation dynast" Rahul Gandhi has no chance in Indian politics against a "hard-working and self-made" Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kerala did a disastrous thing by electing the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to Parliament, said Historian Ramachandra Guha here yesterday.

Guha said the reduction of the Congress from a "great party" during the freedom movement to a "pathetic family firm" now is one of the reasons for the ascendency of Hindutva and jingoism in India.

"I have nothing against Rahul Gandhi personally. He is a decent fellow, very well-mannered. But young India does not want a fifth-generation dynast. If you Malayalis make the mistake of re-electing Rahul Gandhi in 2024 too, you are merely handing over an advantage to Narendra Modi," said Guha on the second day of the ongoing ***Kerala Literature Festival (KLF)*** during his talk on the topic *"Patriotism Vs Jingoism."*

Modi is self-made

Addressing the crowd, he said, "Kerala, you have done many wonderful things for India, but one of the disastrous things you did was to elect Rahul Gandhi to the Parliament." Rahul Gandhi, who in 2019 general elections lost from his family bastion of Amethi in Uttar Pradesh, had won from the Wayanad seat in Kerala.

"Narendra Modi's great advantage is that he is not Rahul Gandhi. He is self-made. He has run a State for 15 years, he has an administrative experience, he is incredibly hard working and he never takes holidays in Europe. Believe me I am saying all this in all seriousness," he said.

But, even if Rahul Gandhi was "much more intelligent, more hard-working, never took a holiday in Europe, as a fifth generation dynast he still will be at a disadvantage against a self-made person", the 61-year-old author said.

Sycophancy

He took on Congress President Sonia Gandhi too who, he said, reminded him of the "late Mughal dynasty" and how aloof they were of the state of their kingdom. "India is becoming more democratic and less feudal and the Gandhis just don't realise this. You (Sonia) are in Delhi, your kingdom is shrinking more and more but still your *chamchas* (sycophants) are telling you that you are still the *badshah,"* he said. Further, he quoted his teacher and noted Indian Sociologist Andre Beteille to describe the story of Nehru-Gandhi family as a classic "reversal of the famous Biblical injunction": the sins of the father will be visited upon seven successive generations.

"In Nehru's case, it is the sins of the seven successive generations have been re-visited upon Nehru... look at the

Narendra Modi *Rahul Gandhi*

national debate today. Why is Nehru evoked every time? Why does Modi always say *Nehru ne Kashmir mein yeh kiya, China mein yeh kiya, Triple Talaq mein yeh kiya ...* because Rahul Gandhi is there. Now if Rahul Gandhi disappears, Modi has to talk about his own policies and why they failed," he said.

Taking on the Left

According to Guha, "Hypocrisy of the Indian Left — the fact that they loved other nations more than India", "rise of aggressive nationalism worldwide" and "the rise of Islamic fundamentalism in neighbouring countries" are some other reasons behind the evident leap of Hindutva in India in the recent times.

Historian William Dalrymple, novelists like Benyamin, Namita Gokhale and Chetan Bhagat, journalists Karan Thapar and Rajdeep Sardesai are among the many other writers who will be attending the four-day fest that concludes tomorrow. The focus theme of *KLF-2020* is environment and climate change.

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Armed Forces... stay at arm's distance

In the last few years, Army Chiefs and senior security personnel have met the Press and spoken quite candidly. And that interaction has dragged them into a public debate, interpretation and criticism which has become political fodder.

Recently, the first Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat said, de-radicalisation camps are operating in the country and it was necessary to isolate people who are completely radicalised.

It may be a factual statement, but does the public need to know this from the Chief of the Defence Staff? Sure enough the AIMIM (All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen) Chief Asaduddin Owaisi picked on it and asked who would de-radicalise the lynchers. And now, just like that, the Chief of Defence Staff has been dragged into politics.

Last month just before his retirement, General Rawat had criticised the anti-CAA protests and said that leadership was not about guiding masses, including students, to carry out arson and violence. Now, does an Army Chief need to get into such a hot political issue? And sure enough the former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram picked on it and said, "Let me appeal to General Rawat. You head the Army and mind your business. It is not the business of the Army to tell politicians what we should do. Just as it is not our business to tell you how to fight a war, you fight war according to your ideas and we will manage the politics of the country." Did an Army Chief need this *gyaan* from a politician?

In May last year, former Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas wrote to the Election Commission asking it to "Ensure that Armed Forces are not used for political gains." He is correct in his request. But if the Armed Forces are not to be politicised, like he says, then Army men should stay away from politics. So why did he join Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), only to be later unceremoniously discharged?

There is something reverential about the Armed Forces and the more they expose themselves to the media the more they are in danger of losing that reverence. This reminds me of what I saw in 2008 after the terror attack at Taj Hotel in Mumbai.

The Black Cat Commandos have always been mysterious. They are to me like the fabled Ninjas. They come, do their job and disappear. They don't stand around waiting to be applauded and accorded honours. But all this mystery to me disappeared when

I saw the Black Cats address a press conference.

I always wanted to believe that the elite force was above all this media circus. I was disappointed to see a Commando Chief — half-wrapped in a translucent scarf with tacky sunglass — addressing a press conference and answering questions directly asked by the media persons. He also had another masked junior with him. This may be applauded as Indian transparency but it showcased lack of professionalism.

The very reason they are expected to wear a mask is to remain unrecognisable. They have to remain a mystery, remain super heroes who stoop down to save the day and disappear only to save us again another day. But on that day, they stayed and surrounded themselves with media chaos.

Generally, a media coordinator takes questions of press persons during a crisis. The media co-ordinator and his team first meet the Commandos and discuss what questions they must address and how it must be addressed; how much information must be given out and how it must be given out. Only after this, does the media co-ordinator come out and interact with the media. But in this case, the masked heroes came out and were engulfed in media chaos.

When Army and Special Forces interact with the media, it will not make them transparent. It will only make them open to judgement and criticism, which could affect the moral of the Forces.

For long now other officers of the Government have found refuge in politics post-retirement, now one feels the same is happening to the Army Officers. We have two examples from two ends of the rank spectrum: General V.K. Singh, the former Chief of Indian Army joined BJP soon after retirement and Jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav, the dismissed BSF Constable of 'Bad Army Food' video fame was given Samajwadi Party ticket for Varanasi.

That is why the Election Commission in 2012 recommended to the then UPA Government that recently retired or resigned IAS, IPS and All-India Services Officers be kept away from electoral politics for two years. The logic being that the unpredictability of a political future will keep them impartial to a certain extent while in service. The Government rejected the proposal as it could violate their right to equality enshrined in the Constitution.

Now, when an IPS Officer, an IAS Officer, an IFS Officer or any Officer of the other services joins politics, the damage to the public psyche is not much because — let us face it — while the Police and bureaucracy are feared, they are not respected. People don't expect any better from them than they expect from a politician. But the Armed Forces are not just respected but revered. There is confidence that even if the Police, bureaucracy and political class fail us, Armed Forces never will. They fight for the nation, for its people and not for a party. But as more and more Army men give press statements and get dragged into the public-political domain, they are in danger of damaging this sacred status.

Indeed we may not be able to stop Army men from entering politics but we sure can stop senior Army Officers and Special Forces from interacting with the media beyond the brief. Armed Forces should stay at arms distance from media, politics, politicians and political parties. After all, the distance between the Army and politics is what keeps our democracy healthy. When Army and politics merge, you get Pakistan and no one wants that.

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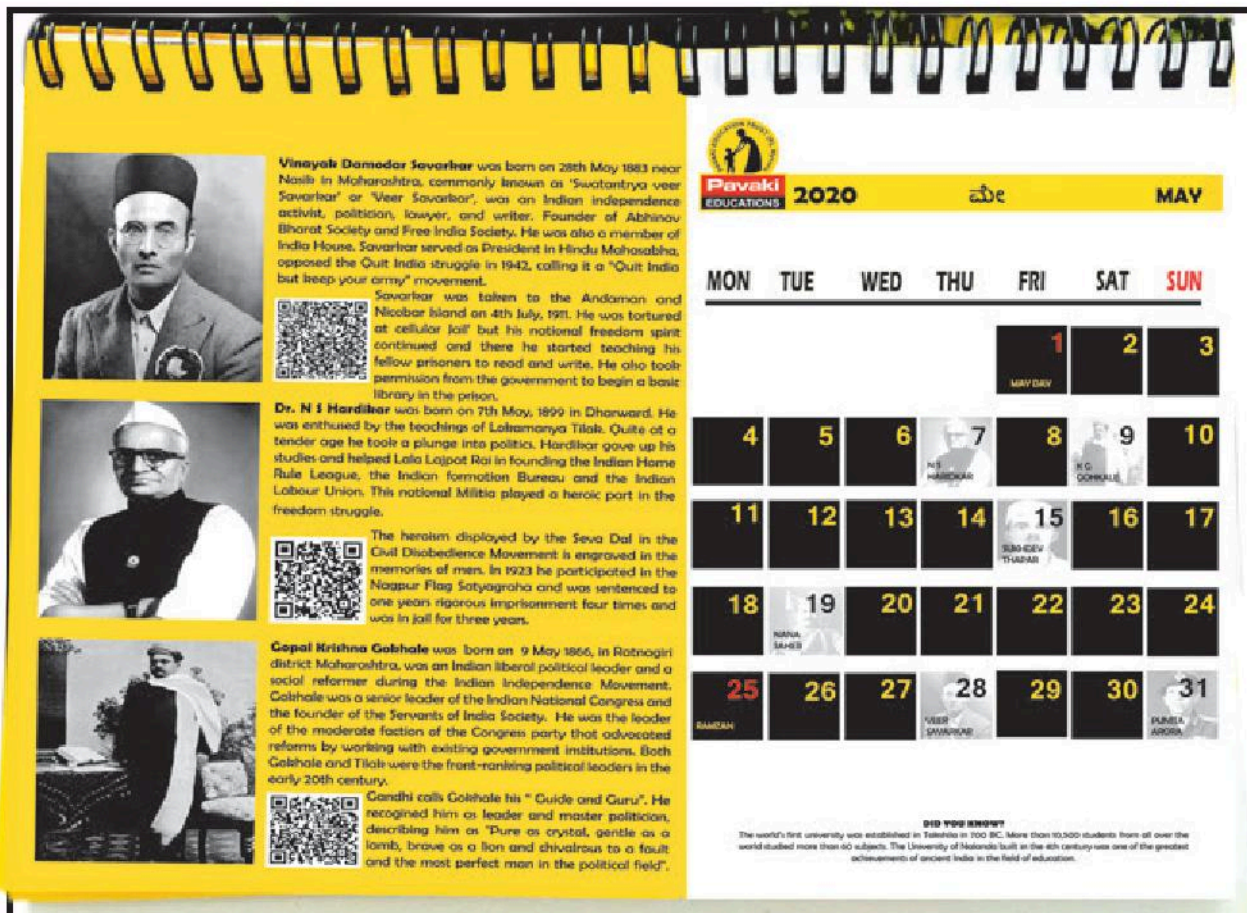
Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was born on 28th May 1883 near Nasik in Maharashtra, commonly known as 'Swatantrya veer Savarkar' or 'Veer Savarkar', was an Indian independence activist, politician, lawyer, and writer. Founder of Abhinav Bharat Society and Free India Society. He was also a member of India House. Savarkar served as President in Hindu Mahasabha, opposed the Quit India struggle in 1942, calling it a "Quit India but keep your army" movement.
Savarkar was taken to the Andaman and Nicobar Island on 4th July, 1911. He was tortured at cellular jail but his national freedom spirit continued and there he started teaching his fellow prisoners to read and write. He also took permission from the government to begin a basic library in the prison.
Dr. N S Hardikar was born on 7th May, 1899 in Dharward. He was enthused by the teachings of Lokmanya Tilak. Quite at a tender age he took a plunge into politics. Hardikar gave up his studies and helped Lala Lajpat Rai in founding the Indian Home Rule League, the Indian formation Bureau and the Indian Labour Union. This national Militia played a heroic part in the freedom struggle.
The heroism displayed by the Seva Dal in the Civil Disobedience Movement is engraved in the memories of men. In 1923 he participated in the Nagpur Flag Satyagraha and was sentenced to one years rigorous imprisonment four times and was in jail for three years.
Gopal Krishna Gokhale was born on 9 May 1866, in Ratnagiri district Maharashtra, was an Indian liberal political leader and a social reformer during the Indian Independence Movement. Gokhale was a senior leader of the Indian National Congress and the founder of the Servants of India Society. He was the leader of the moderate faction of the Congress party that advocated reforms by working with existing government institutions. Both Gokhale and Tilak were the front-ranking political leaders in the early 20th century.
Gandhi calls Gokhale his " Guide and Guru". He recognised him as leader and master politician, describing him as "Pure as crystal, gentle as a lamb, brave as a lion and chivalrous to a fault and the most perfect man in the political field".
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This *Weekend Star Supplement* brings to light three calendars that carry social messages, women empowerment being one of them. Take a look and have a date.

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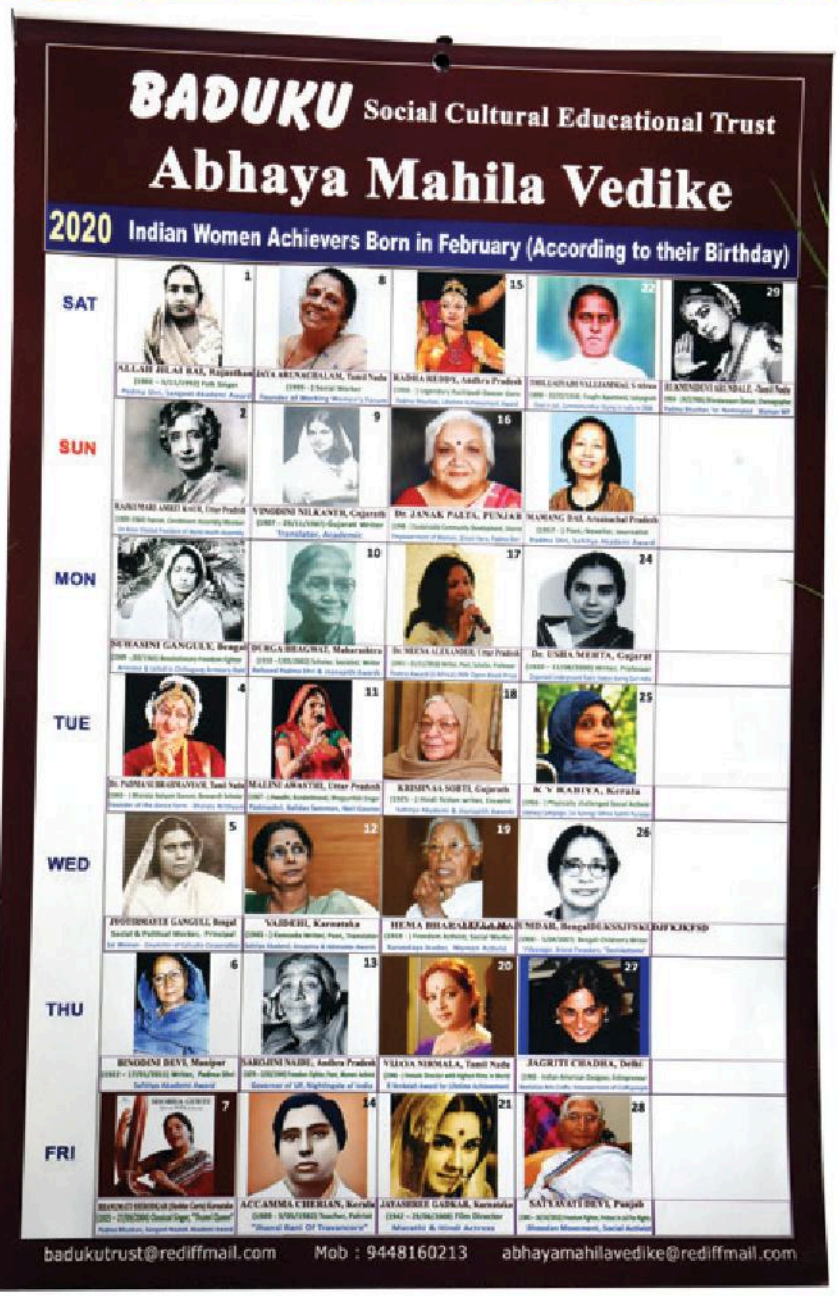

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Dear Calendar, find my Date...

Heady blend of modernity and desi elements

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

According to a conservative estimate, there are about 40 calendars used in the world today, particularly to determine religious dates. Most modern countries, including us, use Gregorian calendar for official activities/ purposes. The Gregorian calendar is named after Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in October 1582. The calendar spaces leap years to make the average year 365.2425 days long, approximating the 365.2422-day tropical year that is determined by the Earth's revolution around the Sun.

Every New Year introduces us to a variety of colourful calendars that flood the market, to find the most prominent slot on the wall or on the table. Here is a Mysurean who has designed a unique smart calendar, which provides information about 101 freedom fighters and nine great personalities.

Lt General Punita Arora: She was born into a Punjabi family which hails from Lahore on 31st May. When she was only one-year-old, her family moved to India during partition and got settled in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Lt Gen Punita Arora of the Army's Medical Corps was the first woman Lt General of Indian Army. Punita Arora was commissioned in January 1968. Before becoming Vice Admiral of Indian Navy she was Commandant of AFMC (Armed Forces Medical College).
She moved from the Army to the Navy as the Armed Forces Medical Services has a common which allows officers to migrate from one service to another depending on the requirement. She was the first woman officer to command the Medical college.
Field Marshal Cariappa, OBE : Marshal Cariappa born on 28th January 1899 in Coorg, was the First Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army and led the Indian forces on the Western Front during the Indo-Pakistan War of 1947. He was appointed as the first Commander-in-Chief of an independent Indian Army on 15 January 1949 and the day is celebrated as the 'Army Day.'
K.M Cariappa saw action in Iraq, Syria and Iran from 1941-1942 and then in Burma in 1943-1944 and became the first Indian Officer to be given command of a unit in 1942.
Arjan Singh, DFC : Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh was born on April 15 Apr, 1919, in Pakistan's Faisalabad (Which was then Lyallpur, Punjab) to a military family. Singh joined a still-new Indian Air Force in 1938 at the young age of 19. Arjan is particularly remembered for his operational tenures on the Burma Front during World War II. For his performance, Singh became the first Indian pilot to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia. He was described as "A fearless and exceptional pilot".
He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1965 for his contributions in the 1965 Indo-Pak War. In 2002, Arjan Singh became the only IAF officer to promoted to five-star rank.
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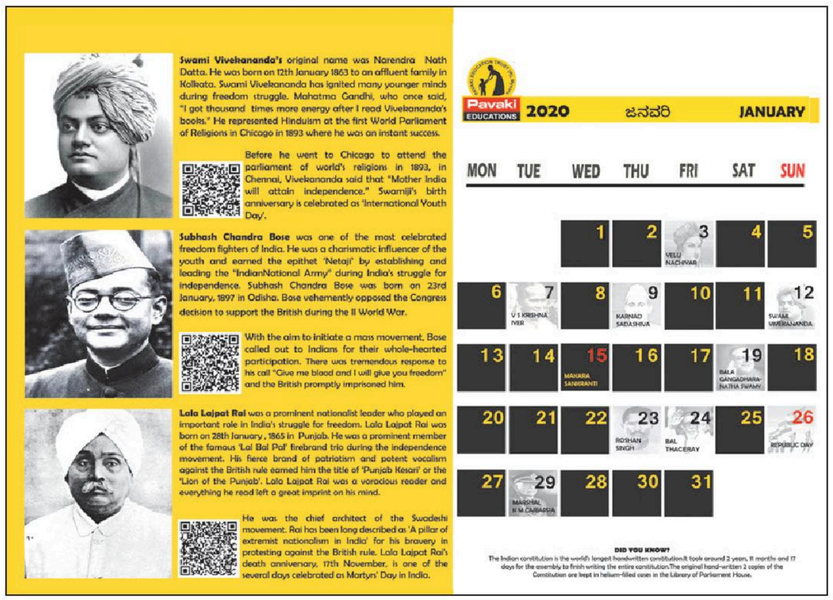
Swami Vivekananda's original name was Narendra Nath Datta. He was born on 12th January 1863 to an affluent family in Kolkata. Swami Vivekananda has ignited many younger minds during freedom struggle. Mahatma Gandhi, who once said, "I got thousand times more energy after I read Vivekananda's books." He represented Hinduism at the first World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893 where he was an instant success.
Before he went to Chicago to attend the parliament of world's religions in 1893, in Chennai, Vivekananda said that "Mother India will attain independence." Swamiji's birth anniversary is celebrated as 'International Youth Day'.
Subhash Chandra Bose was one of the most celebrated freedom fighters of India. He was a charismatic influencer of the youth and earned the epithet 'Netaji' by establishing and leading the "Indian National Army" during India's struggle for independence. Subhash Chandra Bose was born on 23rd January, 1897 in Odisha. Bose vehemently opposed the Congress decision to support the British during the II World War.
With the aim to initiate a mass movement, Bose called out to Indians for their whole-hearted participation. There was tremendous response to his call "Give me blood and I will give you freedom" and the British promptly imprisoned him.
Lala Lajpat Rai was a prominent nationalist leader who played an important role in India's struggle for freedom. Lala Lajpat Rai was born on 28th January, 1865 in Punjab. He was a prominent member of the famous 'Lal Bal Pal' firebrand trio during the independence movement. His fierce brand of patriotism and potent vocalism against the British rule earned him the title of 'Punjab Kesari' or the 'Lion of the Punjab'. Lala Lajpat Rai was a voracious reader and everything he read left a great imprint on his mind.
He was the chief architect of the Swadeshi movement. Rai has been long described as 'A pillar of extremist nationalism in India' for his bravery in protesting against the British rule. Lala Lajpat Rai's death anniversary, 17th November, is one of the several days celebrated as Martyrs' Day in India.
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The Indian constitution is the world's longest handwritten constitution.It took around 2 years, 11 months and 17 days for the assembly to finish writing the entire constitution.The original hand-written 2 copies of the Constitution are kept in helium-filled cases in the Library of Parliament House.

Meet **S.V. Vatsala**, an architect and social worker by profession, who has designed this unique calendar. She says it all started when she thought about donating the much-needed sanitary napkin dispensers to Government schools and colleges as well as an Ashram working for special children. She came up with the idea of designing a unique calendar and use the money garnered from sales of calendar for buying sanitary napkin dispensers. Pavaki Educations, Mysuru came forward to assist Vatsala in this noble cause.

The calendar that Vatsala has designed is a fascinating blend of modernity and desi elements. And it also provides interesting information regarding 101 freedom fighters including Veer Savarkar, Swami Vivekananda, Rani Abbakka, erstwhile kings of Mysore and Kundapura Umabai as well as nine great personalities including Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa and Dharmadhikari of Dharmasthala Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade and others.

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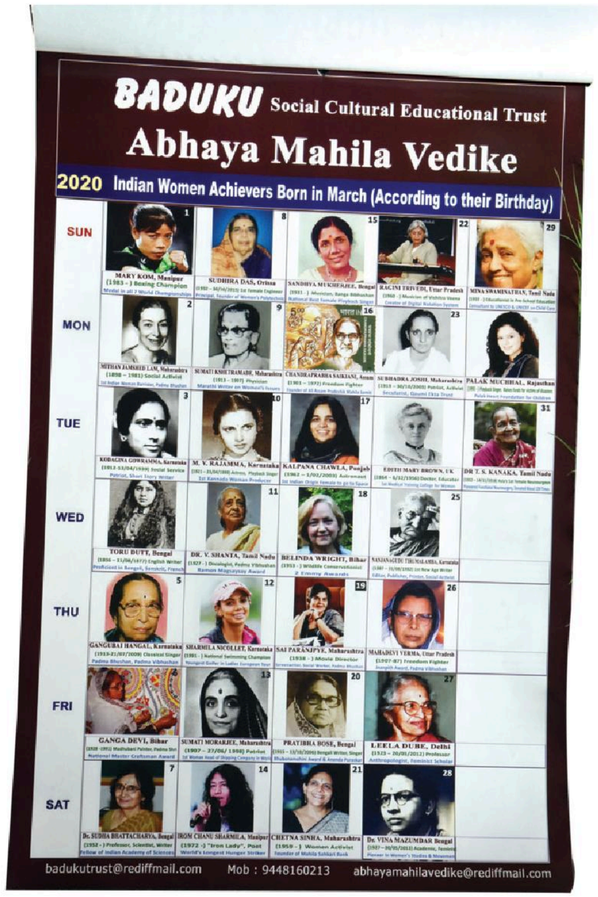
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Indian women have come a long way. Having broken the proverbial glass ceiling a while back, they are now proving their mettle on the global platform as well. As a tribute to all those women achievers, members of Abhaya Mahila Vedike and Baduku Trust, headquartered in Chikkamagaluru, has brought out only one-of its kind calendar, which features 365 Indian women achievers and their achievements.

Ever since 2005, Abhaya Mahila Vedike is bringing out calendars every year on different themes and topics. In 2018, the theme of the calendar was 'World Women' and in 2019, under the title 'Great Personalities of India,' the calendar featured life and works of great men and women of India. This year, it features portraits of 365 Indian women achievers born on each day of the year on the calendar and a brief description of their achievement in one line.

The eight-member team of the Trust, including Convenor Dr. Somashekharappa, members Dr. G. Sudha, V. Usha, V. Ashwini, Chaitra, Channakeshava, Nileena Thomas, Harika Gaggara and M.S. Vijayalakshmi have collected the necessary information regarding Indian women achievers, sorted them out according their birth dates and have published the calendar on a standard quality paper in a printing press in Bengaluru. Around 1,200 copies have been published with production cost of Rs. 37,000 and each calendar is priced Rs. 40.

"As we have been publishing our calendar every year, there is a great demand for it. Within a week of publication, we have sold 800 calendars and still we are getting orders," said one of its members.

This year, the calendar features women achievers who have excelled in art, literature, education and other fields including Medha Patkar, first female teacher of India Savitribai Phule, Indian sprinter from Assam from Hima Das, Gowri Lankesh, Vaidehi, Indian Olympic boxer Mary Kom, Dr. Gangubhai Hangal, Badminton player P.V. Sindhu and others.

"From the last three years, we have been publishing calendars and this year, our calendar features portraits of women achievers and their achievement in one line. We collect funds from our Trust members to publish the calendar. There is a huge demand from school and college teachers for our calendar," says Dr. G. Sudha, Lecturer, Kollegal.

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Vaara, Thithi, Yoga, Nakshatra in Samskruta

Every year, the arrival of a New Year is welcomed with a sense of joy. Different cultures have their own system of accounting time. As a result, their New Year may not correspond with the Gregorian calendar and it may not fall on the first day of January. The diversity in India is unique. Each region in our country has a distinct cultural identity and plethora of festivals is celebrated on different time of the year. While some festivals are for welcoming the harvest season or the triumph of good over evil, some are merely held to initiate trade and merry-making.

This year, the only Sanskrit daily in the world, "Sudharma" has brought out a unique calendar, which features most important and culturally significant festivals from different parts of the country as well as and memorable days of poets, musicians, freedom fighters etc. Most of the Indian calendars normally mention just five limbs of Panchanga or Hindu almanac, namely 'Vaara' or weekday, 'Thithi' or lunar day, 'Nakshatra' or stellar mansion in which the moon is located along with 'Yoga' and 'Karana', which are rarely used nowadays by most of the householders.

The unique feature of Sudharma calendar is that it mentions Jayanthi and Punya Dina or Aradhana Mahotsava of popular personalities including Tyagaraja, Purandaradasa, Kalidasa, Tulasi Das, Ramana Maharshi, and Suttur Shivarathrishwara Swamiji and so on.

The calendar also quotes Subhaashitas (epigrammatic poems and their message is an aphorism, maxim, advice, fact, truth, lesson or riddle) as relevant to the occasion. For example, as Hemanta Ritu or early winter began this month, a Subhaashita about season of Hemanta finds a place here in this calendar. Similarly, on the occasion of Ratha Saptami, an auspicious festival celebrated by Hindus and dedicated to Sun God Surya, the calendar briefly mentions about journey of Sun God on his new chariot towards the northern hemisphere.

While we all know about Sharan-Navaratri, also known as Dasara, this calendar mentions Shakambari Navratri, which was celebrated recently in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh from Jan. 3 to Jan. 10, in the holy month of Paush. Also, Jayanthi or birthday of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, Veer Savarkar, Bipin Chandra Pal and Guru Gobind Singh along with poet Kalidasa Divas finds a mention in this calendar. **[Contact 0821-2442835 for a copy]**

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Many interesting and thought-provoking topics not normally found in textbooks find a mention here in this unique calendar. All one needs to do is scan the 'QR Code' on the calendar and the relevant information related to that particular freedom fighter is displayed on the mobile phone.

Most of us think that the present tricolour flag of India was first hoisted in 1947. No. As per the information provided in this calendar, the first national flag in India was hoisted in 1906 in Calcutta, now Kolkata. With a lot of efforts, Vatsala has gathered all this information, including four major websites, about history of India's freedom struggle and has featured that information in the calendar.

This unique smart calendar costs Rs. 180. After buying the table-top calendar, one can scan the QR code printed on the calendar and read all the information related to 101 freedom fighters and nine great personalities on the mobile phone in smart format. If your mobile phone does not have a scanner, one can download a QR code scanner from Play Store and scan the QR code printed on the calendar to avail the features.

"All proceeds from the sale of the calendars will go towards fundraising efforts to provide basic facilities for an ashram working for special children as well as a Government School and College for girls. She is doing a commendable job of educating people about our freedom fighters through smart calendar. We are supporting this noble cause," says Mithuna Gowramma, Founder, Pavaki Educations.

[Contact 78297-84938 for a calendar]

CM receives Amit Shah in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, Jan. 18- The Bengaluru Police have made elaborate security arrangements at Palace Grounds, where Union Home Minister Amit Shah is attending an event today.

Shah arrived at the HAL Airport this morning and was received by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, his cabinet colleagues and party leaders. Over 1,400 policemen have been deployed for bandobast. Shah is attending the Viveka Deepini Convention on the Palace Grounds organised by Vedanta Bharati.

Over one lakh people are taking part in the event. In view of protests against Citizenship (Amendment) Act and National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the city, Police have placed tight security measures in place for the event.

As many as 1,487 police personnel has been deployed for security. The Police conducted a rehearsal of the security to be in place on Friday. All officers have been instructed to carry service revolvers and pistols with them. Other policemen have been directed to wear helmet and body protectors and carry lathis.

Amit Shah is scheduled to address a massive rally on the Citizenship Act in Hubballi later. The rally will be held at the Nehru Maidan in Hubli town at 4 pm. Senior ministers of the Karnataka government including CM Yediyurappa are expected to attend the event. As many as 5,000 police personnel have been deployed to ensure security.

Govt. to reclaim unused industrial land

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Encouraging Tier-II cities

The Government intends to keep the land ready ahead of the proposed Global Investors Meet being held from Nov. 3 to 5, 2020 in Bengaluru. "We are encouraging industries in Tier-II cities as Bengaluru is congested. We are developing land banks in various Tier-II cities such as Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar," Shettar said.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* in this regard, Joint Director of District Industries Centre (DIC) D. Lingaraju said that as per the agreement signed by the Government when the land is handed over to industrialists, industry units must be set up at the plots within two years of land handing over.

Unused land in Mysuru

"Ten years after the industrial plots are handed over, title deeds are given. There are instances of industrialists not setting up units even after 10 years and we have turned on the heat on them by seizing the land. Such unused land can be found at Hebbal Industrial area, Hebbal Second Stage, Metagalli, Hootagalli and Koorgalli," he said.

Industrial plots are usually distributed by Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), District Industries Centre and the Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC). "Many lands have been kept unused since over 20 years and there are instances of some plots being sold to other parties for a higher price. Lapses have occurred when title deeds are issued within two years. Corrective measures have to be initiated," he said.

KIADB report

As part of the Government's plans, the KIADB is preparing a report on unused land and the report will be submitted to the Government. As part of the recovery, notices will be served on investors who are holding Government-allotted industrial land without putting it to any use. They have to surrender the land or pay a hefty penalty, in case the Government decides to penalise the defaulters, sources said.

The land surrendered will then be allocated to needy investors because the State doesn't have enough free hold land for industrial use, even as it is in the process of revival after the economic slowdown, sources added.

City to host Meet on 'Investment Opportunities in Rajasthan'

Mysuru, Jan.18- Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation (RIICO) Ltd., a Rajasthan Government Undertaking in Jaipur, in association with Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Agarwal Samaj and International Vaish Federation, Mysuru, has organised a Meet on 'Investment Opportunities in Rajasthan' at Hotel Southern Star on Vinobha Road in city on Jan.19 at 10.30 am.

Sudhakar S. Shetty, Immediate Past President, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Bengaluru, will inaugurate the Meet. A.S. Satish, President, MCCI, Mysuru, will preside.

Pawan Dahiya, Manager, RIICO Ltd., Ajay Gupta, Sr. DGM, Unit Head, RIICO Ltd. and Atul Sharma, Dy. Manager (Tech), will address the Meet.

Obituary

Kempamma

Mysuru, Jan.18- Kempamma (80), wife of late Kempegowda and a resident of T.K. Layout here, passed away this morning following brief illness.

She leaves behind three sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at Janathanagar here at 4 pm today, according to family sources.

Susheela

Susheela (50), wife of Shashikumar and a resident of Vivekanandanagar here, passed away this morning following brief illness. She was serving as a teacher at Kollegal.

She leaves behind her husband, a daughter, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation will be held at her native Bhogapura in Chamarajanagar tomorrow morning.

Hope for Men with Azoospermia!

The general perception is that if the man produces semen it always contains sperms. This is not true. Unfortunately a number of men coming to Gunasheela Fertility Centre even refuse a semen test with this assumption. There are instances where the man is able to produce semen but it does not contain any sperms. Azoospermia is a condition where there are no sperms in the ejaculated semen. There are two types - Obstructive Azoospermia and Non-Obstructive Azoospermia.

In Obstructive Azoospermia there will be normal sperm production in the testis but there is obstruction to the flow of sperms at various levels.

Dr. Devika Gunasheela

The blockage could be anywhere between the testis and the urethra (urine passage). Infection, injury or surgery (for hernia or hydrocele) of the genital tract may result in this condition. As a result there will be no sperms in the ejaculated semen. The blockage can be bypassed by surgery or sperms obtained using a fine needle directly from the testis. Sperms are retrieved in almost 100% of patients. These sperms can then be used for injecting the wife's eggs in a procedure called IVF – ICSI.

In Non-Obstructive Azoospermia there is a problem with production of sperms in the testis. The exact cause is not known in most of the cases but Radiation, Chemotherapy, Mumps infection in childhood, Hormonal deficiencies may result in this condition. A new procedure known as Micro dissection Testicular Sperm Extraction (Micro – TESE) is used to retrieve sperms so that these men can have their own biologic child. Using Micro-TESE sperms can be obtained in upto 60% of these patients.

The sperms obtained by either technique are used in a procedure called IVF-ICSI (test-tube baby). The pregnancy rate from this technique is similar to that achieved in IVF-ICSI using normally ejaculated sperms. Many patients have been treated this way successfully and we have had the first baby in the state with the Micro-TESE surgical procedure. Contact: Gunasheela Reproductive Centre, Kuvempunagar, Mysore. Contact: 0821 – 2343585 / 0821 – 2343385. Bangalore Centre: 080-26673585/ 080-46462600.

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Open Day at Andalus English School

Open Day 2019-20 was organized recently at **Andalus English School** New Building premises, in the view to encourage & inculcate artist, technological and scientific temperament amongst students. The students showcased their talents in each subject extensively by displaying their projects. The hounarable Chief Guest for the occasion was **Ms. Asna Urooj, Chairperson, Dept. of Studies in Food Science & Nutrition, UoM.**

The Open Day was a huge success. Enthusiasm & effervescence overflowed amongst the students and teachers. The Management, Head Mistress, Staff, students, parents & other visitors witnessed the occasion. The entire school was abuzz with activity.

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CCB Police nab bike-lifter, recover 11 two-wheelers

Mysuru, Jan.18- In a major catch, the CCB Police, who arrested a bike-lifter, have recovered 11 two-wheelers allegedly stolen by him. Mahadeva, 22, of Lakshmipura village in K.R. Nagar taluk, is the one who is arrested.

Acting on a tip-off, the CCB Police picked up Mahadeva from near CESC office at SRS Colony in Hootagalli on Hunsur Road on Jan.16. During interrogation, he confessed of lifting two-wheelers from many areas, following which eleven two-wheelers, totally worth about Rs.6 lakh, were recovered from him.

With his arrest, the Police have cracked four cases of vehicle thefts — one each registered in city's Jayalakshmipuram, the district's K.R. Nagar and Periyapatna and Bengaluru's Vijayanagar Police Stations — while the owners of seven other two-wheelers are yet to be traced.

The nabbing and seizure operation was carried out by CCB Police Inspector Kiran Kumar, ASI Chandregowda and staff under the guidance of DCPs M. Muthuraj and B.T. Kavitha and ACP Mariyappa.

Two arrested for vehicle theft at Bylakuppe Tibetan Camp

Periyapatna, Jan.18 (Rajesh)- The Bylakuppe Police have arrested two persons on charges of lifting a two-wheeler from Bylakuppe Tibetan Camp.

Kiran, 24, and Kabir, 22, both residents of Kushalnagar, are the ones who are arrested.

Following a tip-off, the Police intercepted the duo when they were travelling in a Bullet Motor cycle from Kushalnagar to Mysuru, a couple of days ago.

During questioning, Kiran and Kabir confessed to have stolen the Bullet motorcycle from Bylakuppe Tibetan Camp, following which it was seized.

The duo have now been remanded to judicial custody.

The nabbing and seizure operation was carried out by Periyapatna CPI B.R. Pradeep, PSI C.U. Savi and staff.

ASHA workers to get one-time incentive of Rs.3,000

Bengaluru, Jan.18- Subsequent to the massive demonstration staged by ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers at Bengaluru recently seeking fulfilment of their demands, the State Government on Friday decided to provide a one-time incentive of Rs.3,000 each to all ASHA workers.

Briefing press persons after the Cabinet meeting here yesterday, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that all 41,628 ASHA workers will get an incentive of Rs.3,000 and the outgo owing to the incentive would be around Rs.12.48 crore.

Continuing, Madhuswamy said that a new Committee has been constituted to look into the encroachments of Government lands in and around Bengaluru on the lines of the A.T. Ramaswamy Committee that had earlier filed a detailed report on encroachment of Government lands.

The six-member Committee will be headed by BJP MLA and former Assembly Speaker K.G. Bopaiah. The Committee Members are MLAs Araga Jnanendra, S.R. Vishwanath, A.T. Ramaswamy, Rajashekar Patil and Narasimha Naik aka Raju Gowda, he said.

Pandavapura and Chunchanakatte Sugar factories to be leased

The other major decisions taken by the Cabinet included leasing of the sick Pandavapura and Chunchanakatte Sugar Mills to private operators for a period of 40 years, administrative approval for increasing the capacity of Hemavathi Canal in the stretch from 0 to 70-km from 1,200 cusecs to 2,400 cusecs at a cost of Rs.475 crore and building of special godowns in all the 30 district centres to house EVMs and VVPATs at a cost of Rs.123 crore.

Hassan MP gets relief as HC dismisses plea against him

Bengaluru, Jan.18- In a big relief for Hassan JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, the Karnataka High Court (HC) on Friday dismissed a plea challenging his election as MP.

The defeated BJP Candidate A. Manju had filed a petition in the HC seeking disqualification of Prajwal on the grounds that he had submitted a false affidavit while filing nominations for the general Lok Sabha Polls held in April last year. A single-Judge Bench comprising Justice Michael D'Cunha who heard Manju's plea, dismissed it on technical grounds.

However, another disqualification case filed by advocate Devaraj Gowda is pending against Prajwal, which case has been posted for hearing on Jan.23, it is learnt.

MLA Tanveer Sait assault case

Police file charge-sheet

Mysuru, Jan.18- Two months after NR MLA Tanveer Sait of the Congress was brutally assaulted with a matchette by a youth named Farhan Pasha at a marriage ceremony at Bannimantap Torchlight Parade Grounds on the night of Nov.17, 2019, the Police have submitted charge-sheet to the Court against all the eight accused in the case.

The Police have named Farhan Pasha, Akram, Abid Pasha, Noor Khan, Mujeeb, Muzamil, Matheen Baig and Irfan as the accused in the case.

Soon after the attack, the Police had arrested Farhan Pasha at the spot, while seven others involved in the case, were arrested in the later days as the investigation into the murderous assault that shocked the city, progressed.

Two including college lecturer go missing from city

Mysuru, Jan.18- Adding to the long list of persons going missing, two persons, including a college lecturer have gone missing from the city.

H.C. Umesh Aradhya, 36, a

Umesh

lecturer at Vidyavaridhi College in Bilikere, who left his house at Kuvempunagar following a quarrel with his wife on the night of Dec.29, 2019, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by his wife K. Shilpa at Kuvempunagar Police Station.

In another case, M.R. Deepak,

Deepak

47, who left the house on the afternoon of Jan.6, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by his wife H.S. Roopa at Kuvempunagar Police Station.

Those coming across any clues about the said missing persons may contact Kuvempunagar Police on Ph: 0821-2418324 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Woman's bag containing jewellery stolen from bus

Mysuru, Jan.18 (RK&DM)- A bag of a woman that contained 89-gm gold jewellery worth about Rs.3 lakh has been stolen from a KSRTC bus.

Prema, a resident of Madikeri, who boarded a Madikeri-bound KSRTC bus at Ramanagara at about 8 am on Jan.16, had kept the bag in the carrier of the bus.

After the bus reached KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand in Mysuru at about 10.15 am, she found her bag missing from the carrier.

Prema then lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional Lashkar Police stating that her bag containing 89-gm gold jewellery was missing from the bus carrier, where she had kept it. The Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

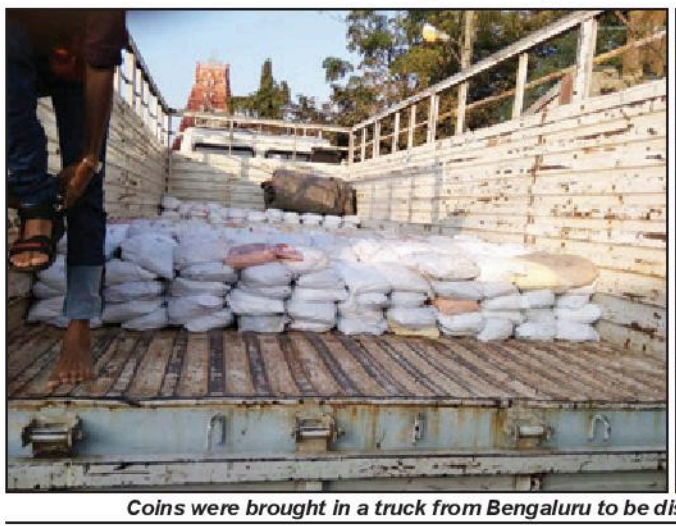
Forest Guard injured in road accident

Mysuru, Jan.18- Following a collision between a two-wheeler and a KSRTC bus, a Forest Guard suffered serious injury to his left leg.

The injured Forest Guard is Ganesh, who works in Hunsur Forest Range. He was on his way to attend an awareness programme on prevention of forest fire on his two-wheeler when a KSRTC bus coming from Kachivinahalli collided head-on with the two-wheeler.

He was rushed to Hanagod Government Hospital, where he was provided first-aid and was later shifted to a private hospital in Mysuru for further treatment.

Rs.17 lakh worth coins distributed among city hoteliers



Coins were brought in a truck from Bengaluru to be distributed among city hoteliers.

Mysuru, Jan.18 (BCT)- Probably for the first time in city, currency coins worth Rs.17 lakh were distributed among hoteliers. Non- availability of exact change was a headache for hoteliers whenever a customer asked. This sometimes led to unpleasant experience for both customers and hoteliers.

Realising this, the Mysore Hotel Owners Association distributed coins worth Rs.17.5 lakh. Coins were distributed last evening at 6 and it took three hours to accomplish the feat.

The coins in the denominations of Rupee 1, Rs. 2, Rs. 5 and Rs. 10 were sourced from Vijaya Bank, Bengaluru, to be distributed among the hoteliers for their daily circulation in the restaurants and eateries. The coins, neatly packed in gunny bags, were transported from Bengaluru in trucks and were distributed.

According to Association President C. Narayana Gowda it was for the first time such a huge amount of coins were distributed among the hotelier fraternity. Coins were distributed at Association Office directly from the truck.

Office-bearers of the Association Ravi Shastry, Ravindra Bhat, Jagadish Babu, Rammohan, Subramanya Tantri, Kiran, Anilkumar, Bhaskar Shetty, Mahadev and Ugraiah were present.

Fallout of 'Free Kashmir' placard: UoM to constitute two Committees

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The University of Mysore (UoM) has decided to constitute two Committees to probe 'Free Kashmir' placard case and to look into the UoM hostels where some persons are allegedly staying for years without the approval of the Varsity.

Nalini Balakumar, an alumna of UoM had displayed a placard with 'Free Kashmir' written on it during a protest called by various organisations inside the UoM campus recently.

The organisations include UoM Researchers Association, Dalit Vidyarthi Okkoota, Bahujan Vidyarthi Sangha, Students' Federation of India and All India Democratic Students Organisation and they opposed the attack on students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi. Following the display of the placard, the City Police booked a suo-moto sedition case and is investigating.

Rocked by the controversy, the University has now decided to seek explanations from students and research scholars who took part in the agitation. The Varsity Syndicate had appealed to authorities to suspend the participants and to evict squatters at the hostels.

The University has also decided to set up a Committee to identify those staying illegally (not authorised by the University) in the 20 undergraduate and post-graduate hostels in Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Hassan.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said the Syndicate members, who discussed the matter, decided to set up two Internal Committees. While one Committee will probe the placard incident and seek explanation from students and research scholars, the other will identify unauthorised occupants of hostels.

Syndicate members had appealed to authorities to suspend those who took part in the protest and to ensure only students are staying in hostels. The UoM was told by Syndicate members that hostels are being misused and people who are not students have occupied rooms since many years. They suspected these rooms are being misused for various purposes, including spoiling the atmosphere on the campus.

Meanwhile, UoM Researchers' Association President Maridevaiah, one of the organisers of the protest, was granted anticipatory bail. In another development, a group of senior advocates, including some from Bengaluru, have assured students that they would represent them against any charge including sedition.

It may be mentioned here that the Mysore Bar Association had refused to take up the case of Nalini who is facing sedition charges.

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Over 120 students pedal for Fit India Abhiyan

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&SD)- As part of Fit India Abhiyan, Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), in association with the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) and NSS wing of University of Mysore (UoM), had organised a 5-km Cyclothon in city this morning.

Joint Director of NYK U.P. Singh flagged off the Cyclothon from Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad, in which about 120 students participated.

Cyclothon began at 9.15 am and cyclists traversed about 5-km through Harding Circle, K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Ayurveda College Circle, Irwin Road, Five Lights Circle, Government Guest House and back to Chamundi Vihar Stadium.

UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Superintendent of Mysuru Central Prison Divyashree, National Adventure Foundation's Captain Rukmini Chandran, Assistant Director K. Suresh, District Convenor of NYKS. Siddaramappa, Programme Coordinator of NSS Dr. B. Chandrashekhar, CREDIT-I Managing Trustee Dr. M.P. Varsha, A.C. Ravi of Mysuru Travels Association, HoD of Psychology in Maharani's College Prof. Manonmani and others were present.

Yoga Championship

Mysuru, Jan. 18- SGS International Yoga Foundation College and Research Centre is hosting the first National Yoga Sports Championship at Ganamantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds premises in city tomorrow (Jan. 19). Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Thursday, Foundation Founder President Dr. M. Niranjanamurthy said that around 1,400 yoga enthusiasts have already registered for the event which will be held in 10 different categories.

Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour 2020-II Leg

Mysuru's amateur golfer Pranavi Urs wins title, turns professional

Mumbai, Jan. 18- Amateur Pranavi S. Urs from JWGC, Mysuru, made up for her last week's final hole disaster by winning the second leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club on Friday.

Pranavi carded one-over 71 for a total of five-over 215, while Ananya Datar shot 73 and lost by two shots. Pranavi celebrated her win by turning professional.

Ananya finished runner-up. Pranavi turning professional will make the competition in the Women's Pro tour more intense.

On the final day joint leader after the second round, Pranavi had a great start with three birdies in the first five holes, before she dropped a shot on sixth. On the back nine, she had some nervous moments as she bogeyed three times. Ananya, one of the three co-leaders overnight, was unable to capitalise on that.

On the back nine, as Pranavi made mistakes, Ananya was unable to pull in birdies and played even par for the stretch with one birdie and one bogey.

Mysuru's Pranavi Urs, who won the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour 2020-II Leg at the BPGC Course in Mumbai on Friday, is seen with the chief guest during the presentation ceremony.

Pranavi dropped a shot on Par-4 12th and another on par-4 14th but Ananya gave away a shot she had gained with a birdie on 13th by bogeying the 14th. At three behind, Ananya still had five holes to put pressure.

Pranavi dropped one more shot on Par-5 16th and the gap was down to two. Over the last four holes, Ananya tried hard but could not hole any birdies as Pranavi won her second title on the Hero WPGT, while still being an amateur.

Pranavi's earlier win on the Hero WPG Tour came in the ninth leg of the 2018 season.

Ananya Datar leads the Order of Merit after the first two events, while Afshan Fatima is second. Ridhima Dilawari, who won the first event and skipped the second, is third.

30th anniversary of YHAI, Gangothri Unit tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.18- The 30th anniversary of Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Gangothri Unit, will be held at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram at 5 pm tomorrow (Jan.19).

Former Conservator of Forests and Director of Project Tiger-Bandipur H.C. Kantharaju will be the chief guest. Dr. K.C. Prashanth, DCF, Mysuru, H. Janardhan, Deputy Director of Tourism and Chava Subba Rao, Secretary,YHAI Karnataka State Branch, will be the guests of honour. YHAI Gangothri Unit Chairman Y.N. Rajendra will preside over the event.

Star of Mysore Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy, special invitee, will inaugurate a Special Photography Exhibition, organised as part of the celebrations. YHAI National Chairman S.Venkat Narayanan,YHAI New Delhi, Chief Executive Officer Roopesh K. Pande, YHAI Karnataka State Branch former Chairman and ex-MLC D. Madegowda and Nirmala Rajashekar Koti are the other special invitees.

The 100th issue of '*Charana Gangothri*' newsletter of YHAI Gangothri Unit will be released and a Power Point Presentation (PPT) on YHAI Gangothri will be presented on the occasion.

Prior and post inauguration, there will be cultural programmes — 3 pm to 4.30 pm and 7 pm to 8 pm.

About Youth Hostel Movement: International Youth Hostel Movement was initiated in 1909 in Altena, Germany, by German school teacher Richard Schirrmann. Then 40 years later, in 1949, for the first time in South Asia, some enthusiasts from Mysore, following the footsteps of Richard Schirrmann, started a Youth Hostel in Mysuru, which was later shifted to New Delhi in the year 1955.

Inspired by the activities of New Delhi Youth Hostel Association, which promotes participation of young, youth and old in national-level adventure programmes and trekking events, a group of adventurous youths in Mysuru laid foundation for an organisation — Youth Hostel Gangothri Unit, Mysuru.

YHAI Gangothri Unit was affiliated to National Office, New Delhi, in 1988, with the main interest and aim to organise and promote activities like trekking, cycling, nature study camps for children, rock climbing and other adventurous sports.

The Gangothri Unit since then has indulged not only in organising adventurous activities but also in social activities such as tree planting, medical camps, eco-friendly activities, cleaning campaign, celebration of national festivals, Founders Day, cultural activities etc.

The Unit has been regularly conducting more than 50 programmes each year and has been recognised as one of the most successful units in Karnataka. Gangothri Unit now has more than 1,600 active members, of which 40 % are ladies. Members range from 10 years to 80 years of age and are students of colleges, people serving in Private and Government sectors, Doctors, Engineers, Industrialists, Businessmen and from all other walks of life. Such enrolled members have been enjoying the weekend activities organised by the Unit. Gangothri Unit has been strictly following all the laid down rules and regulations of National YHAI Office, while organising its programmes by prohibiting smoking, consumption of non-vegetarian food and alcoholic drinks.

At present, Gangothri Unit has its Office at No. 907, 3rd Main Road, New Kantharaja Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru. Office remains open between 6 pm and 8 pm every day, except on Sundays and public holidays. Office can be contacted on Ph: 0821-2341419 or e-mail: *yhaigumysore@gmail.com*

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Sri Bharatha Baahubali	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Avane Srimannarayana	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Odeya	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
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Dabangg 3	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Mardaani 2	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Darbar	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Pattas	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Darbar	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
TELUGU			
Sarileru Neekevvaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
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Tanhaji (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 5.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Dolittle (3D-E)	(S-1)	1 pm, 3.10 pm, 7.50 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-2)	10 am
	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Chhapaak (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Sarileru Neekevvaru (Te)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
Darbar (Ta)	(S-2)	7 pm
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (E)		
	(S-2)	10 pm
Sri Bharatha Baahubali (K)	(S-3)	10 am
Enta Manchi Vaadavuraa (Te)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Big Brother (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1 pm, 6.55, 10 pm
Pattas (Ta)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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Tanhaji (3D-H)	(S-1)	11.50 am, 4.55 pm ,10 pm
Dolittle (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.35 am, 2.40 pm, 7.45 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 5.50 pm
Jai Mummy Di (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am
	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 3.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Sarileru Neekevvaru (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Darbar (Ta)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood (E)		
	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Chhapaak (H)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Srii Bharatha Baahubali (K)	(S-4)	2.20 pm
Enta Manchi Vaadavuraa (Te)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Big Brother (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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Wild Karnataka (E)	10 am, 8.10 pm
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (E)	10.45 am, 7 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	10.55 am, 3.05 pm, 10 pm
Dolittle (E-3D)	11 am, 4.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Sarileru Neekevvaru (Te)	11.35 am, 6.30 pm
Good Newwz (H)	1.15 pm
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior (E)	1.20 pm, 6.35 pm
Sri Bharatha Baahubali (K)	2.20 pm
Chhapaak (H)	4.15 pm
Jai Mummy Di (H)	5.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 18)

Panchajanya Trust: Screening of movie 'Ghantvataaram,' a Tamil non-commercial feature film on Acharya Sri Vedanta Deshikar (screenplay and direction by APN Swamy), Sri Srimadabhinava Parakala Swamy graces the occasion, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **3.45 pm.**

Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions (SCEI), Kuvempunagar: Cauvery Sambhramothsava, 29th Annual Day celebrations, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa chief guest, Corporator M.C. Ramesh guest of honour, SCEI - Kodava Samaja Education Council Chairman M.K. Kuttappa presides, Institutions premises, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**

RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru: Music For Wellness, 79th Monthly Music Concert (Smt. Lalitha V. Murthy Memorial Concert), Talk on Healthy Living through Ayurveda and Yoga by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Mysuru, **5 pm;** Vocal Concert by Malladi Brothers (Vid. Malladi Sreeramprasad and Vid. Malladi Ravikumar), accompanied by Vid. Dr. Nishanth Chandran on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sunad Anoor on khanjira, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Mar Thoma Education Society (MES) - St. Thomas Institutions, Vishweshwaranagar: Rangotsav - 2020, 56th Annual Day celebrations, Rev. Prakash Abraham, Manager, St. Thomas Institutions, Mysuru, presides, Ecumenical Christian Centre-Bengaluru Director Fr. Dr. Mathew Chandrankunnel chief guest, Manipal Hospital-Bengaluru Radiologist and St. Thomas Alumnus Dr. K.N. Nagabushan, MES Hon. Secretary Sam Cherian Kumbukattu and Hon. Treasurer CA Ebby Eapen guests of honour, School premises, **5.30 pm.**

Rotary Mysore School: School Annual Day celebrations, Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Mysuru, chief guest, Rtn. PDG R. Vasudev Murthy, Chairman, Mahajana Education Society (MES), guest of honour, Rtn. K.G. Anantharaj Urs, Chairman, Rotary Mysore School, Mysuru, presides, Rotary Mysore School premises, **5.30 pm.**

Parents' Association of Deaf Children (PADC) and Rotary West & Parents' Association of Deaf Children (RWPADC) Trust: 39th Anniversary celebrations, Prof. M.R. Doraiswamy, Chancellor, PES University, Bengaluru, chief guest, Dr. A. Ramesh, Professor, Otorhinolaryngology, St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru and Praveen Jain, Secretary, Bhagawan Mahaveer Darshan Eye Hospital, Mysuru, guests of honour, PADC President & RWPADC Trust Chairman B. Lohia presides, Institute Auditorium, Bogadi, **5.30 pm.**

Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru: Book release — K.S. Nagaraj's 'Mahabharata Kathaloka' — by Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, retd. Addl. Director of Higher Education Department Prof. T.N. Prabhakar speaks about the book, writer K.S. Nagaraj will be present, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre and ISHRAE (Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers): Talk on 'Pure Air - Long Life' by R. Gopalakrishna of Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, IEI Mysuru Chairman Dr. R. Suresh presides, ISHRAE Mysuru President T.A. Prabhakar will be present, IEI Mysuru, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Mysore West: 22nd Annual Music Festival, Vocal Duet (Karnatak Classical Music) by Bangalore Brothers (M.B. Hariharan and S. Ashok), accompanied by Vid. Mysore M. Sumanth on violin, Vid. B.R. Srinivas on mridanga and Vid. S. Srishyala on ghata, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari, Mysuru: Conferring of Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao Award on young saxophonist Vid. Harish Pandav, G.N. Ananthavardhana chief guest, Dr. Rama V. Bennur guest of honour; Saxophone Concert by Vid. Harish Pandav, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan on violin, Vid. Sai Shiva on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Alwar Kalabhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

Devagitam Charitable Trust: Unique instrumental concert featuring H. Yoganarasimham's compositions [Artistes - Vid. Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan on veena, Vidu. Smita Srikiran on flute, Vidu. M. A. Jyothi - violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan and Vid. A. Radhesh - mridanga, Vid. S. Manjunath - ghata and Vid. V. S. Ramesh - morching], Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 19)

Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA): Cyclothon as part of SaKshaM (Sanrakshan Kshamta Mahotsav) - 2020 campaign, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde flags off, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **6.30 am to 8 am.**

Life is Calling: Mysuru 10 km Run (14 years+), 5 km saree and kurta walk/run (10 years+) and 3 km kids run (8 years+), Dr. Usha Hegde, city's first woman to complete the 'Iron Man' Triathlon in Australia-2019, will be the Brand Ambassador of the event, Oval Grounds, **6.30 am onwards.**

Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108 and RE3 Command Fitness: OBRATS - An Obstacle Course Race for Children aged between 5 and 16 years, Mahajana College Grounds, Jayalakshmipuram, **7 am.**

Anokhi Garden: Art Expo by Mukund Swamy, alumnus of CAVA (Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts), Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports and National Service Scheme (NSS) wing of University of Mysore (UoM): 5 km CycloMarathon as part of Fit India Marathon, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, **9 am.**

Palace Sports Club, Kuvempunagar: District-level Throwball Tournament for High School Girls, Sougandhika Park, Kuvempunagar, **9 am.**

Youth for Seva: 'Chiguru,' Cultural and Sports Competitions, MP Pratap Simha inaugurates, **9.30 am;** Cultural and Sports Contests, **10.30 am to 1.30 pm;** Valedictory, prize distribution, Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions premises, Saraswathipuram, **2.30 pm.**

Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Mysore West: 22nd Annual Music Festival, Presentation by students of workshop on 'Compositions in rare ragas,' concert by winner of Mosale Krishnamurthy Raaga Taana Pallavi competition, Sri Purandara - Thyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava, Goshti Gayana by renowned musicians of Mysuru, **10 am;** Vocal Concert by Vidu. Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath. She will be accompanied by Vidu. Nalina Mohan on violin and Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi: 'Raga Yagna' series, fourth programme in the series on 'Raga Charukeshi,' Prof. R. Visweswaran, well-known vainika, musicologist, musician and vaggeyakara, resource person, accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

DNK Sneha Balaga, Mysuru: Book release — D.N. Krishnamurthy's (DNK) 'Vasundhara' and 'Mannina Runa' — by littérateur Dr. CPK, former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar inaugurates, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipur Nambi Mutt presides, writer Bannur K. Raju speaks about the books, cultural thinker and social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee and BJP leader and social worker S.R. Gopalarao chief guests, writer DNK will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Mysuru District Gamaka Kala Parishat: Kavya Vyasanga Goshti - 30 (Monthly Programme), PuThiNa's 'Srihari Charite - Ullasa 28 - Raasa Kreede' Kavya Vaachana by Vidu. Vishakha Jagadish, Bengaluru and Vyakhyaana by Vid. Dheemanta Bharadwaj, Bengaluru, No.1315/2, 'Haripriya,' 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **11 am to 1 pm.**

Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Gangothri Unit: 30th anniversary, Cultural programme, **3 pm to 4.30 pm;** Stage programme, former Conservator of Forests and Director of Project Tiger-Bandipur H.C. Kantharaju chief guest, DCF-Mysuru Division Dr. K.C. Prashanth, Tourism Deputy Director H. Janardhan and YHAI Karnataka State Branch Secretary Chava Subba Rao guests of honour, YHAI Gangothri Unit Chairman Y.N. Rajendra presides, Stage programme, YHAI National Chairman S.Venkat Narayanan, YHAI New Delhi CEO Roopesh K. Pande, YHAI Karnataka State Branch former Chairman and ex-MLC D. Madegowda, *Star of Mysore* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy and Nirmala Rajashekar Koti special invitees; K.B. Ganapathy inaugurates Special Photography Exhibition; Releasing of 100th issue of 'Charana Gangothri' newsletter of YHAI Gangothri Unit and Power Point Presentation (PPT) on YHAI Gangothri, **5 pm;** Cultural programme, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Homage: 'Pejawar Sri - Bhaava Pushpanjali,' programme to pay homage to late Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, Devotional Songs by Raghuleela Sangeeta Shala students, Seers of various Mutts will speak about late Pejawar Seer and a portrait and a small booklet on life and works of the late Seer will be distributed to all participants, Nada Mantapa, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, **4 pm.**

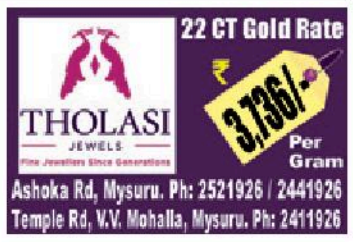
Hasirubhoomi Trust, Pandavapura, Negilayogi Samajaseva Trust and Mandya Okkoota: Kuvempu and Balagangadharanatha Swamiji Nudi-Namana and Geetha-Namana, Conferring of 'Kuvempu Samajamukhi' award on former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni), 'Dr. Balagangadharanatha Swamiji Samajamukhi' award on Bengaluru-based social worker and artist R. Shashikumar; Adichunchanagiri Mutt Mysuru branch Head Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji graces the occasion, folk Scholar Dr. P.K. Rajashekar inaugurates, veteran littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar presides, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar First Stage, **4.30 pm.**

Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: *Sangita Kalanidhi, Sangeetha Rathna* Mysore Piteelu Chowdiah Samsmarane, honouring Sangeetha Vidyanidhi Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy with the title 'Dhanur Vainikabrahma,' Karnatak Classical Violin Trio by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy, accompanied by Vidu. Sindhu Suchetan, Vid. Pruthvi Bhaskar, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga, Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, **5.30 pm.**

Rangasmruti Sangeetha Sabha and Lalitha Kala Kendra: Sri Tyagaraja's 173rd Aradhana Mahotsava, invocation by C.V. Yashasvini Pandit, Vocal Concert by Vid. M. Srinath Sharma, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagaraja on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Raghunandan on ghata, Sri Chandramouleshwaraswamy Charitable Trust, Adipampa Road, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of William Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (directed by Jeevankumar B. Heggod), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru: World Peace Day as part of Adi Deva Prajapita Brahma 51st Avyakta Punya Smriti, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt speaks, BK Lakshmiji presides, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, 2nd Main Road, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**



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